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## Grand Rapids Site for First Task Force Hearing

*Tour preceding meeting, and remaining dates and locations also announced*

**MONDAY, February 10, 2003** – State Sen. Cameron S. Brown, R-Fawn River Township, announced today that the first Michigan Beverage Container and Recycling Task Force hearing will occur in Grand Rapids at the Eberhard Center on the campus of Grand Valley State University.

The task force is responsible for reviewing the state of Michigan's current recycling program and current Beverage Container Law. **Those wishing to testify may contact Brown's office toll free at (866) 305-0316. The task force hearing is open to the public.**

The hearing will be held from 7 to 9 p.m. in the Teleconferencing Room of the Eberhard Center (2nd floor) located at 301 W. Fulton in Grand Rapids. For directions to the hearing please feel free to contact Senator Brown's office.

Brown announced that the task force will tour the Kent County Department of Public Waste Recycling Facility prior to the hearing, beginning at 5 p.m. The Recycling Facility is located at 322 Bartlett St. in Grand Rapids (see attached map), approximately five minutes from the hearing site. The tour is open to members of the media. Brown's office may be contacted with any questions.

Brown also released the remaining statewide dates and locations for the task force:

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|-------------|----------------|---------|------------------|
| February 17 | Grand Rapids   | May 12  | Adrian           |
| March 3     | Oakland County | May 19  | Gaylord          |
| March 31    | Coldwater*     | June 2  | Sault Ste. Marie |
| April 21    | Port Huron     | June 16 | Lansing          |
| April 28    | Saginaw        |         |                  |

"This task force is organized with the intention of reviewing Michigan's current recycling program in order to make recommendations to the Legislature on how it may best be restructured to protect our environment for future generations," said Brown, task force chairman. "I look forward to bringing the task force statewide so that area residents can offer valuable insight and opinion on how to make our state's recycling program one of the best in the nation."

*\* please note that the date for the Coldwater hearing has changed.*